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Bristol Bay in the news: week of March 25, 2011

The effort to Protect Bristol Bay moves to Washington, D.C. next week, when Alaskans, fishermen, chefs and restaurant owners call on the federal Environmental Protection Agency to use its authority to protect this important region.

Also next week in Bozeman, Montana, residents will be able to see the movie Red Gold and speak to one of the many guides, Camille Egdorf, who guide sport fishermen in Bristol Bay and its rivers every year. Camille, who is featured in the documentary, sums up the importance of Bristol Bay:

"I want my kids and grandkids to be able to go up there and see it. The salmon are really the foundation for the ecosystem and Pebble Mine puts that at risk. I think it is important that people are educated and that they know something valuable and rare is at risk."
Here's a brief roundup of media from this week.

For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Bristol Bay stakeholders, legislators speak on the Pebble Mine topic

Jonathan Grass

Juneau Empire

When folks believe in their causes, they will work hard to see them through. This is the attitude that brought a group of stakeholders in the life and economy of Bristol Bay to travel together to the capital to voice concerns over the Pebble Mine prospect to their legislators, and brought an organization of motivated high school students to let their lawmakers know about their own environmental concerns...

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Bristol Bay Watershed fight goes back to Juneau

Fishermen's News Online

A contingent of commercial and sport fishermen, and other stakeholders, including a Kodiak chef renowned for his seafood dishes, gave Alaska legislators and state officials an earful in Juneau last week on the importance of the Clean Water Act. They made a point of explaining to each legislator and state

employee they met with that the Environmental Protection Agency has taken up its study on potential impacts to the Bristol Bay watershed of large-scale resource development at the request of area stakeholders... [Click here to read more](#)

Battle over Alaska Mining Project heads to Washington

Manuel Quinones, Greenwire

New York Times Green Blog

A large mining project proposed for southwest Alaska has sparked a lobbying battle between some area residents who say it would help the region's economy and others who fear environmental degradation to nearby Bristol Bay and its major salmon run. The Pebble Project, located about 200 miles southwest of Anchorage, is believed to contain large quantities of gold, copper and molybdenum... [Click here to read more](#)

Fisheries Boosting prospects for Bristol Bay region

Margaret Bauman

Bristol Bay Times

Healthy fisheries are boosting the region's economic prospects, while better care of the harvest and expanded processing facilities add to the value of the seafood, western Alaska's most valuable renewable resource, says the chief executive of Bristol Bay's major economic development entity. The value of the wild sockeye salmon fishery has improved over the last four to five years, with prices per pound rising to \$1.25 to \$1.50... [Click here to read more](#)

Red Gold

Ben Pierce

Bozeman Daily Chronicle

Camille Egdorf spent her first summer near the banks of the Nushagak River in Alaska's Bristol Bay before she was old enough to walk. Her father, Dave Egdorf of Hardin, founded Western Alaska Sportsfishing in the early 1980s. Camille has headed north every year since. Now 21 years old and a student at Montana State University, Camille recalls the runs of sockeye salmon that course up the Nushagak and across Bristol Bay each year with a kind of reverence. She now guides clients... [Click here to read more](#)

Outdoorsman at Reno Outdoor Sports & Recreation Expo urged to take action to stop Pebble Mine in Alaska

Ted Williams

Fly Rod n' Reel

Hunters and anglers can sign a petition asking EPA to stop the massive mine

Sioux Falls, South Dakota – The Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska is urging Nevada sportsmen and attendees at the Reno Outdoor Sports & Recreation Expo to sign a petition asking the Environmental Protection Agency to protect Alaska's Bristol Bay from the dangers of the proposed Pebble Mine.

The Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska will be hosting a booth at the Expo, held March 25 – 27... [Click here to read more](#)

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